

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1 and 2, replaces the previous version of the drawing sheet including Figs. 1 and 2. In response to the Examiner's objection, Fig. 1 has been amended to include typed text for the various boxes.

Attachment: 1 replacement drawing sheet

REMARKS

Claims 16-20, 22-25 and 27-29 are pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

In response to the Examiner's objection to Fig. 1, Applicants are submitting a replacement drawing sheet containing amended Fig. 1 and original Fig. 2. In Fig. 1, typed texts for the various boxes have been provided.

Claims 16-20, 22-25 and 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,911,773 ("Mutsuga"). Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons.

To anticipate a claim under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), the Office must demonstrate that each and every claim limitation is *identically disclosed* in a single prior art reference. (See Scripps Clinic & Research Foundation v. Genentech, Inc., 18 U.S.P.Q.2d 1001, 1010 (Fed. Cir. 1991)). "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim." M.P.E.P. § 2131. If any claimed element is absent from a prior art reference, it cannot anticipate the claim. See Rowe v. Dror, 112 F.3d 473, 478 (Fed. Cir. 1997).

Claim 25 recites, in relevant parts, the following: "**a reproducing device configured to reproduce the calculated first route and the at least one second route for selection by a user; and a communications unit configured to receive information regarding traffic disruptions on the calculated first route and the at least one second route, the reproducing device configured to reproduce the information regarding the traffic disruptions;** wherein the reproducing device is configured to **reproduce the traffic disruptions** one of: a) in the form of isolines; and b) in the form of an isographic diagram.

In support of the rejection, the Examiner relies on the display device (12) of Mutsuga as being allegedly equivalent to the "reproducing device" of Applicants' claim 25. However, Mutsuga only discloses that either a first or a second calculated route is able to be output on the display device, and there is no indication that both first and second routes are able to be **simultaneously displayed on the display, let alone simultaneously displayed for selection by a user**. To the extent the Examiner may be relying on the lines and the text included in Figure 15(A) of Mutsuga, the associated description in the Specification (col. 9, l. 61 – col. 10, l.3) clearly indicates that Fig. 15(A) is merely used to **illustrate a situation where "data indicating**

traffic congestion on the main road has been received,” (col. 9, l. 62-64), but there is no indication of **an optical display of two routes for selection by a user**, let alone any indication of **an optical display of information regarding the traffic disruptions on the calculated first route and the at least one second route**. Accordingly, Mutsuga clearly fails to teach or suggest anything relating to “**a reproducing device configured to reproduce the calculated first route and the at least one second route for selection by a user; . . . the reproducing device configured to reproduce the information regarding the traffic disruptions [on the calculated first route and the at least one second route].**”

Independent of the above, Mutsuga clearly does not disclose that “the reproducing device is configured to **reproduce the traffic disruptions** one of: a) in the form of **isolines**; and b) in the form of an **isographic diagram**.” To the extent the Examiner may be relying on Figs. 15(A) and 15(B), the associated description in the Specification (col. 9, l. 61 – col. 10, l.3) clearly indicates that the lines shown in these two figures are routes for purposes of illustration, and there is absolutely no indication of any isolines or isographic diagram.

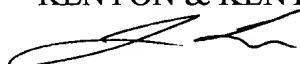
For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 25 and its dependent claims 16-20, 22-24 and 27-29 are not anticipated by Mutsuga.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims 16-20, 22-25 and 27-29 are in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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